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HOUSE BILL NO. 149

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BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

TOURISM/COMMISSION: Authorizes per diem for the members of the St. Helena Parish Tourist Commission

AN ACT

| 2  | To enact R.S. 33:4574.18, relative to the St. Helena Parish Tourist Commission; to authorize |
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| 3  | commission members to receive a per diem; to provide restrictions on the per diem;           |
| 4  | and to provide for related matters.  |
| 5  | Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published                                 |
| 6  | as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of                                |
| 7  | Louisiana.   |
| 8  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:   |
| 9  | Section 1. R.S. 33:4574.18 is hereby enacted to read as follows:                             |
| 10 | §4574.18. St. Helena Parish Tourist Commission; per diem                                     |
| 11 | Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the St. Helena Parish Tourist                       |
| 12 | Commission may pay and each commissioner may receive a per diem not to exceed                |
| 13 | fifty dollars for each meeting he attends. The per diem shall not be paid for more           |
| 14 | than twelve meetings in each year. Such per diem shall be paid out of the funds of           |
| 15 | the commission.  |

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for a per diem for the members of the St. Helena Parish Tourist Commission.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes each parish to create a tourist commission, which may levy a hotel occupancy tax to support the development of tourism within the parish. <u>Present law</u> provides that each commission shall be headed by a board of commissioners who oversee the promotion, advertisement, and publication of information relating to tourist attractions within the commission's jurisdiction.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, and provides that the members of the St. Helena Parish Tourist Commission may receive a max per diem of up to \$50 per meeting attended, not to exceed 12 meetings in a year. <u>Proposed law</u> further provides that the per diem shall be paid from the funds of the commission.

(Adds R.S. 33:4574.18)